REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Election/Restriction requirement, the Applicants elect Group A, Claims 80-127, which require a package preloaded with fasteners that can be transferred in a group or individually, for prosecution in this application.

No fee is believed due in connection with the filing of this Amendment and Response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 18-2284 of Piper Rudnick LLP, duplicate copy attached.

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